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SUBJECT: CYPRIOT FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO PRAGUE MAY 10-14

1. SUMMARY: THE CYPRIOT FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT IS BEST CHARACTERIZED BY THE EVEN-HANDEDNESS WITH WHICH THE CZECHS APPROACHED THE CYPRUS QUESTION. END OF SUMMARY.

2. CYPRIOT FOREIGN MINISTER CHRISTOFIDES' MAY 10-14 VISIT TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA PRODUCED A CONSULAR AGREEMENT, ENTHUSIASTIC BUT VAGUE CLAIMS OF EXCELLENT AND EXPANDING BILATERAL RELATIONS AND IDENTITY OF VIEWS, AND A PROMISE OF A RETURN VISIT TO CYPRUS BY CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOUPEK (DATES TO BE SET THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS).

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3. CHRISTOFIDES MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTEGRCHNOUPEK, PRIME

MINISTER STROUGAL AND CHAIRMAN OF SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DZBAN. HE DID NOT MEET WITH PRESIDENT HUSAK POSSIBLY BECAUSE CZECHOSLOVAK EFFORTS TO APPEAR EVENHANDED IN CYPRUS DISPUTE WOULD HAVE BEEN COMPROMISED BY GREEK CYPRIOT VISIT TO HIGHEST LEVEL (IN FACT, MOST VISITING FOREIGN MINISTER TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA DO WIND UP WITH APPOINTMENT TO SEE HUSAK).

4. CZECHOSLOVAK ATTEMPTS TO APPEAR NEUTRAL ALSO EVIDENT IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE IN WHICH FOREIGN MINISTERS CALLED FOR SPEEDY SETTLEMENT "IN THE INTEREST OF BOTH NATIONAL COMMUNITIES, BY PEACEFUL MEANS AND IN KEEPING WITH THE GOALS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE UN CHARTER, WHILE FULLY RESPECTING THE SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND NON-ALIGNMENT OF THE CYPRUS REPUBLIC AND WITHOUT ANY FOREIGN INTERFERENCE, THROUGH AN EARLY AND COMPLETE FULFILLMENT OF THE UN RESOLUTION 3395."

5. SLIGHT TIP TOWARD GREEK DIRECTION, HOWEVER MAY HAVE OCCURRED IN FACT THAT CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS AGENCY REPORTED CHRISTOFIDES SPEECH TO CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIETY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS IN WHICH HE CALLED FOR WITHDRAWAL OF TURKISH TROOPS AND THE ENABLING OF ALL REFUGEES TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES. TOO, CHRISTOFIDES SAID HE WAS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT RESULTS OF FIFTH ROUND OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS SCHEDULED FOR MAY IN VIENNA BECAUSE THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS HAD NOT YET SUBMITTED THEIR PROPOSALS AND HAD ONLY TAKEN A NEGATIVE STAND TOWARD GREEK CYPRIOT SUGGESTIONS WHICH WERE SUBMITTED IN TIME. NEVERTHELESS, NONE OF THE REPORT BROKE INTO PRINT, SAVE FOR MERE MENTION IN RUDE PRAVO THAT CHRISTOFIDES HAD LECTURED THE SOCIETY ON CYPRUS PROBLEMS (CZECHOSLOVAKIA MAY WELL BE WORLD'S ONLY COUNTRY WHICH SO RIGOROUSLY CENTERS THE OUTPUT OF ITS OWN OFFICIAL PRESS AGENCY).

6. AT AIRPORT FAREWELL CEREMONIES GREEK AMBASSADOR NOTED TO CHARGE THAT GOC TRIED TO BE EVENHANDED. HE CHARACTERIZED THE COMMUNIQUE REFERENCE TO SATISFYING "BOTH NATIONAL COMMUNITIES" AS A BOW TO THE TURKS AND THE CALL FOR FULFILLMENT OF THE UN RESOLUTION 3395 AS A BOW TO THE GREEKS (SEE PARA 3 ABOVE).

7. CONCERNING THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED AGREEMENT ON THE TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT OF CYPRIOT WORKERS IN THE CSSR (MENTIONED IN PASSING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN COMMUNIQUE), THE GREEK AMBASSADOR SAID THAT ABOUT 500 CYPRIOT WORKERS WERE ALREADY HERE WITH MORE TO COME. HE SAID THEY WOULD BE PAID IN LOCAL CURRENCY AND ALLOWED TO CONVERT 60 PERCENT AT THE OFFICIAL RATE TO SEND HOME. THE WORKERS WERE NOT SPECIALIZING IN ANY PARTICULAR FIELD, ALTHOUGH MOST OF THOSE HERE NOW WERE WORKING IN THE CONSTRUCTION FIELD. THE AMBASSADOR THOUGH THE PROGRAM SERVED BOTH COUNTRIES WELL AS CYPRUS HAS UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA, OF COURSE, HAS A

LABOR SHORTAGE.

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